

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a request for a divisional Application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/956,656, filed on September 20, 2001. Entry of the amendments prior to examination of claims is respectfully requested. Claims 1-11 and 22 were among the original claims in parent Application Ser. No. 09/956,656 but were subject to a restriction requirement and were not elected in the parent Application. Claim 1 has been amended to eliminate a typo. Claims 1-11 and 22 are pending and introduce no new matter. Claims 12-21 are canceled.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the application, as amended, be examined on its merits by the Examiner. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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